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TITLE OF INVENTION: BONE REPAIR PUTTY

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/628,692	ATKINSON ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	CHRISTINA BRADLEY	1654	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the response filed 05/14/2010.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8,10,12-14 and 19.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

5. Notice of Informal Patent Application

2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.

/Christina Marchetti Bradley/
Examiner, Art Unit 1654

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Leana Levin on 07/08/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A bone repair putty material, comprising:

a porous, resorbable particulate selected from~~derived~~ of ~~an~~ organic bone mineral, or ~~a~~ natural bone-derived material, or~~and~~ a synthetic hydroxyapatite, said particulate in a concentration of 55 to 60 weight percent~~or~~ greater of said material, said particulate and having a bulk density of 1.1 to 1.3 g/cc; and

a resorbable carrier gel component for suspending said particulate, forming a putty[[-like]] formulation, for placing in a bony defect, said gel component having a sufficiently high molecular weight and concentration in the putty such that bone repair is facilitated while migration and expansion of said particulate is minimized.

Claim 2. (Original) The bone repair material of claim 1 wherein said resorbable particulate is bovine-derived having a particle size range of 250 to 1000 μ m.

Claim 3. (Original) The bone repair material of claim 1 wherein said resorbable particulate is a porous hydroxyapatite derived from lime-containing algae, having a particle size range of 300-1000 μ m.

Claim 4. (Original) The bone repair material of claim 1, wherein said carrier gel component comprises a polysaccharide.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The bone repair material of claim 4, wherein said carrier gel component is hyaluronic acid or its derivatives, or hydroxylpropyl cellulose or mixtures thereof.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The bone repair material of claim 5, wherein said carrier gel component is hyaluronic acid or its derivatives having a molecular weight of 0.7-2.0. $\times 10^6$ D[[d]]altons and a final concentration of 45-64 mg/cc in the putty.

Claim 7. (Previously presented) The bone repair material of claim 1, further comprising at least one P-15 synthetic biomimetic, polypeptide sequence of Type I collagen bound to said particulate.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A bone repair putty material for dental bone repair procedures, comprising:

a porous, synthetic, resorbable particulate selected from [,] a synthetic, bone-like hydroxyapatite and/or an organic bone-derived particulate, in an amount of 55 weight percent or greater of said material, said particulate in a concentration of 55 to 60 weight percent and having a bulk density of 1.1 to 1.3 g/cc; and

a hyaluronic acid gel in an amount of about 25-70 weight percent of said material, wherein said material is a moldable, cohesive putty for application to bony defects.

Claim 9. (Canceled)

Claim 10. (Currently amended) The bone repair material of claim 8, wherein said bone repair material comprises ~~about~~ 55 weight percent particulate and ~~about~~ 45 weight percent hyaluronic acid gel.

Claim 11. (Canceled)

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The bone repair material of claim 4, wherein said carrier gel is a hydroxylpropyl cellulose or methyl cellulose gel forming a moldable, cohesive putty.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) The bone repair material of claim 8 further comprising ~~at least one of~~ a P-15 polypeptide sequence of collagen bound to the porous, restorable particulate, wherein said particulate is a xenogen[[e]]ic bone mineral particulate of about 200-500 mm in diameter, suspended in said gel carrier, said material having a putty-like consistency.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The bone repair material of claim 3 further comprising ~~at least one of~~ a P-15 polypeptide sequence of collagen bound to said porous hydroxyapatite derived from lime containing algae of about 300-1000 μm in diameter, ~~and wherein said carrier is suspended in~~ hydroxylpropyl cellulose or hyaluronic gel carrier, ~~said material having a putty-like consistency.~~

Claims 15-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The bone repair material of claim 7, wherein the concentration of P-15 synthetic biomimetic, polypeptide sequence of Type I collagen in the putty is at least ~~about~~ 800 mg/cc.

Insert the following sentence before the first sentence of the specification:

--This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to provisional Application No. 60/399,851, filed 07/31/2002.--

2. Support for the amendments to the claims is found, for example, in original claim 9 which recites a particulate concentration of about 50 to 60 weight percent, said particulate having a bulk density of 1.1 to 1.3 g/cc, Example 11 which includes a material comprising 55 weight percent particulate, said particulate having a bulk density of 1.2 g/cc, and original claim 10 which recites about 55 weight percent particulate percent, said particulate having a bulk density

of 1.1 to 1.3 g/cc. The carrier in original claims 9 and 10 is limited to hyaluronic acid and the carrier in Example 11 is hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC) and may also be hyaluronic acid.

3. Support for the amendment to the specification is found in the Oath filed 11/10/2003, which is four months from the actual filing date of the application, 07/28/2003. Because the reference to the prior application was previously submitted within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a), but not in the first sentence(s) of the specification or an application data sheet (ADS) as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a) (e.g., the reference was submitted in an oath or declaration), and the information concerning the benefit claim was recognized by the Office as shown by its inclusion on the first filing receipt, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) are not required.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of Gertzman et al. (US 6,030,635) teach bone repair putty materials comprising a particulate component selected from 30 and 33% cortical allograft bone, and a carrier component selected from 2 or 3% hyaluronic acid, 20 % dextran 40 PM, 20% pluronic acid F127 and 20% pluronic acid F108 (Table 1, examples I and IV-VIII), each of which are putty with "excellent formability". In addition, Gertzman et al. teach a bone repair putty material comprising a particulate component of 50% cortical allograft bone powder and a carrier component selected from 20% pluronic F127, 20% pluronic F108 and 3% chitosan (Table 1, examples II, III, XII or XIII), each of which are putty with "poor formability" and are "too grainy, too dry" (Table 1). The reference does not teach a bone repair putty material comprising 55 to 60 weight percent particulate. In addition, the reference does not teach that the particulate has a bulk density of 1.1 to 1.3 g/cc or discuss the effect of bulk density on the properties of the putty material. Although

Gertzman et al. teach that it is desirable to maximize "the amount of bone in the formulation without creating a gritty, less malleable characteristic" (col. 4, Ins. 30-35), all of the compositions taught by Gertzman et al. that approach the concentrations of particulate recited in the instant claims all have "poor formability" and are "too grainy, too dry" (Table 1). The reference does not suggest increasing the amount of bone particulate to 55 to 60 weight percent or avoiding the properties of the putty by selecting a particulate with a bulk density of 1.1 to 1.3 g/cc. Thus, the claimed bone repair material is both novel and unobvious over Gertzman et al.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTINA BRADLEY whose telephone number is (571)272-9044. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Christina Marchetti Bradley/
Examiner, Art Unit 1654

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